

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-141

June 28, 2001

CRC COMMUNICATIONS OF MAINE, INC.
Petition to Amend Local Exchange
Authority to Include Verizon's Pownal Exchange

ORDER APPROVING
ADDITIONAL LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE
TERRITORY

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On March 12, 2001, CRC Communications of Maine, Inc. (CRC) filed a petition to expand its service territory for facilities-based local exchange service to areas beyond those authorized in our order granting authority to provide service in this docket.

On March 30, 1999, in Docket No. 99-187, the Commission delegated to the Director of Technical Analysis the authority under 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105 to approve service territory changes by local exchange carriers.

For local exchange carriers (LECs) seeking to provide facilities-based local exchange service, the Director must initially make a determination that a LEC has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing facilities-based service to the area in question within six months.

The Commission staff has reviewed the plans of CRC and has determined that it has made a reasonable showing that it will be providing service within six months in the areas listed in the ordering paragraphs below.

Accordingly,

1. I FIND, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2102 and 2105, that the public convenience and necessity requires the provision of additional facilities-based local exchange service in the areas listed below, also served by another telephone utility, and hereby AUTHORIZE CRC to provide facilities-based local exchange service in the areas defined as the Pownal exchanges of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic-Maine.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 28th day of June, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington
Acting Director of Technical Analysis